DECLARATION
of
SOLE INVENTORSHIP[1]

I, Ernest A. Voisin, hereby declare that this Declaration is being submitted with my patent application on **A PROCESS OF ELIMINATION OF BACTERIA IN SHELLFISH, OF SHUCKING SHELLFISH AND AN APPARATUS THEREFOR.** My residence address is at 412 Palm Avenue, Houma, Louisiana, 70364. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

I believe that I am the **original and sole inventor** of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
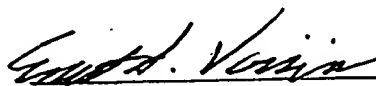
"A PROCESS OF ELIMINATION OF BACTERIA IN SHELLFISH, OF SHUCKING SHELLFISH AND AN APPARATUS THEREFOR"

I hereby state that my patent application including a specification and claims is *attached hereto.*

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information which is material to patentability and to deal in candor and good faith with the Patent Office.

I hereby do not claim the benefits of any prior application either a prior United States Patent Application, prior PCT international application, prior foreign application or inventor's certificate, or any prior United States Provisional application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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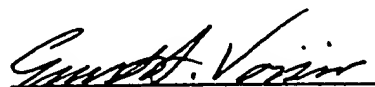## of
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR[1]

I, Ernest A. Voisin h reby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor for purposes of paying reduced fees, as allowed by statute, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "A Process of Elimination of Bacteria in Shellfish, of Shucking Shellfish and an Apparatus Therefor" described in the specification filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern whose employees do not exceed 500 or would not qualify as a nonprofit organization or university or institution of higher education.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to independent inventor or small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

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